

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

The constant number table 24 disposed within the repetition period pre-selecting unit 23 stores three constant numbers:  $1/2$ , 1, and 2. The input repetition period of the adaptive excitation source is multiplied by the three constant numbers, respectively, and the three multiplication results are furnished as three candidates for the repetition period of the driving excitation source to the pre-selecting unit 26. The comparator 25 compares the ~~three possible~~ thus inputted repetition periods of the driving excitation source with a predetermined threshold value, respectively, and furnishes the comparison results to the pre-selecting unit 26. An averaged pitch-period of about 40 can be used as the threshold value.